

CHAPTER 3—AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

Chapter 3 provides background information on the various resources and resource programs managed by BLM, and describes their condition and trend. This chapter is organized into five sections, including Resources, Resource Uses, Fire Ecology, Special Area Designations, and Social and Economic Conditions. Each of these five sections is then split into resources or program areas that are presented in alphabetical order. This organization is based on Bureau-wide guidance to provide a common look and feel to RMP planning documents prepared by the BLM. Each part is introduced by a list of *Laws, Regulations, and Policies* followed by a discussion of the presence, condition and trend of the topic area. The list of laws, regulations, and policies is presented to provide the reader information on the major directives that influence the program; it is not meant to be comprehensive. A synopsis of each of the referenced laws is provided in **Appendix A**.